SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE U.S. TREASury Department Beneficial Association for the
election of officers for the ensuing year, and for
such other business as may properly come before
it, will be held at Grand Army Hall (No. 2), No.
1412 Penn. ave. n.w., on MONDAY EVENING,
the 30th instant, at 7:30 o'clock.
Dated Washington, March 27, 1896.
mh27-31*
LEE W. FUNK, Secretary.

SPIRITUALISM—MISS MAGGIE GAULE OF BAL-timore, the wonderful medium, every FRIDAY during day, for private sittings, 905 H st. n.w. Every FRIDAY NIGHT, Wonn's Hall, 721 6th st. mh26-2t*

THE CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART. The last Night Exhibition of the season will be on FRIDAY EVENING, March 27, 1896, from 7:30 till 10 o'clock. Admittance free. By order

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F. S. BARBARIN, Curator.

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They get so many "good things" that even delicacies fail to tempt their appetite. Ever tried systers? Not the ordinary kind. We mean our CHINCATEAGUE BAY OYSTERS. They're from our own beds in the Atlantic ocean-fresh every day. Large, fat and delicious. A different flavor to them from "ordinary" oysters.

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TRITZ REUTER'S, COR. PA. AVE. AND 4½ ST. mb27-10d

We want that order for your Easter Suit in a day or so if you want it in time. Takes time to do tailoring as we do it.

J. FRED. GATCHEL, 604 13th st.,

Two doors above 13th and F.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the West End National Bank the usual dividend of 1½ per cent was declared, payable April 1, 1896. Transfer books close March 28, 1896. CHAS. P. WILLIAMS, min25-6t CHAS. P. WILLIAMS, Two doors above 13th and F. mb26-84

OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR, DISTRICT OF CO-lumbia, Washington, March 17, 1896.—Notice is hereby given that on the THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF MARCH, 1896, will expire all licenses given by the District of Columbia to peddlers and pro-duce-dealers trading at large. Said licenses must be promptly renewed by all persons who desire to continue said business after that date. By order of the Commissioners. MATTHEW TRIM-BLE, Assessor D. C. MATTHEW TRIM-

SPIRITUALISM.

MRS. EFFIE MeNEIL, business and test medium, has resumed practice for the fall and winter, and will be at home daily until further notice. Business examinations a specialty and satisfaction guaranteed. 1914 Pa. ave. mb7-18t A COMPLETE LINE OF 1896 RAMBLERS AND in the WASHINGTON CYCLE SHOW, spaces 47 48, during the entire time, MARCH 18-28, and intending purchasers are cordially invited to in-spect them at their convenience. Our exhibit is intended to be both comfortable and attractive, and every visitor can find a place to rest in comfort at any hour when the show is open. GORMULLY & JEFFERY MFG. CO.,

mh20-til28 No. 1325 14th-431 10th. DR. J. HALL LEWIS, DENTIST, HAS REMOVED his office from 1309 F st. n.w. to 1023 Vermont ave. n.w. mh14-1m* NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

All persons or firms having claims against the late firm of Craig & Harding are hereby notified to file the same with me on or before April I, 1896, in order to participate in the distribution of funds.

HENRY F. WOODARD,

Assignee, Mertz building, mb13-16t

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Grilles, Gates, Hinges and Escutcheons, Window
Guards, etc. Protect your property. No charge
for sketches and estimates. Wrought Iron Gas
Fixtures, Andirons, Fenders, etc., etc., J. H.
CORNING, Tile Shop, 520-522 13th st. fe15 DENTISTRY DONE ON WEEKLY AND MONTHLY

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the standard of the world for wheels.
The greatness of the Columbia is
evidenced by the fact that other
makers strive to make their wheels
"just as good." POPE MFG.
CO. J. Hart Brittain, Manager.
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As An Easter Gift,

especially for a young lady, there's nothing so pleasing, so acceptable as a BOX of our DAINTY PAPER and ENVELOPES. Hurd's, Whiting's and Crare's Bond are famous for their splendid quality, new shapes and delicate tints.

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Easton & Rupp, 421 11th St. Popular-priced Stationers. Gust above ave.) m27-14d Infuse New Life

tates typewriting perfectly. A splendid medium to use for advertising!

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Architects & Builders! We row have a complete line of Builders' Hardware. You are cor-

dially invited to come and inspect the stock. Temorrow we will have something

of great interest to tell you. Chas. E. Hodgkin, 913 7th.

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THIS SEASON'S Line of Samples of High-grad BUILDERS' HARDWARE Has been received. ARCHITECTS

And builders are invited to bring around their plans or 'phone us to come to you. We want to estimate for you. Latest designs for steel ceilings to be seen. Special designs for particular cellings prepared and furnished free.

J. H. CHESLEY & CO., 1004 F ST. N.W., 522 10TH ST. N.W.

Every Medicine Chest should contain a bottle of Tharp's Old Re-llable "Berkeley." When a restorative is needed it will be found invaluable. There's no better medicinal Whisky in the world than "Berkeley." Doctors recommend it! \$1 qt. James Tharp, 812 F St.

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Occasion Not Wasted.

From the Chicago Record. "Rose's marriage is off."

"How embarrassing! Her wedding invitations were out."

"Yes, but she just called them in, and made it a 5 o'clock tea."

FAMOUS PEN WIZARD

Death of Dennis F. Murphy, the Senate's Stenographer.

HISTORY OF HIS REMARKABLE LIFE

Feats of Shorthand Writing Which He Performed.

LONG, BUSY LIFE

Mr. Dennis F. Murphy, who for forty-eight years has been associated with the work of reporting the debates in the Senate, died last evening at his apartments at the Cochran. For several years Mr. Murphy has been in bad health, having been severely injured in 1892 by being struck by a team. During this period he has not been actively at work and his health has gradually failed. Wednesday night he was seized with a stroke of apoplexy and death resulted about twenty-four hours later.

Mr. Murphy was regarded as probably the foremost stenographer in the world. His long service, as well as his reputation for accuracy and speed, have made his name a household word among all shorthand reporters, and his work in reporting the debates of the Senate, and other feats of stenography which he has accomplished, have become monuments of the craft. He

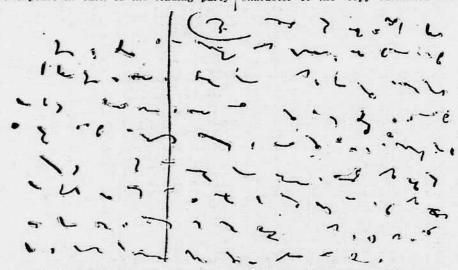


entered the service of the Senate as a reporter in 1848 at the age of fourteen years, and for twenty-five years he was employed in various capacities, becoming at length the stenographer in charge, and, in 1873, when the publication of the congressional debates was transferred to the government printing office, Mr. Murphy was placed in charge of the work, being given a contract for reporting the proceedings of the Senate for \$25,000 annually, leaving him free to employ his own assistants. Up to within about four years Mr. Murphy was actively ergaged in stenographic work, but since then he had relegated the active charge to his brother, Mr. Edward V. Murphy.

His History. Dennis Murphy was born in Cork, Ire-

land, February 7, 1834. His parents removed to this country the next year, first settling in New York, but removing in 1837 to Philadelphia, where they permanently resided. Dennis was given a public school education, and through a fortunate coincidence reached the Philadelphia High School just in season to obtain instruction in stenography from Oliver Dyer, who in 1848 began to deliver lectures at this school on the comparatively new art of phonog-raphy. The first class contained 350 boys, but this number gradually dwindled to fifty, and then Mr. Dyer selected the twen-—into your business this spring! Get out of the old rut by advertising. Come in and see us about our Patented Process for duplicating typewritten letters. Imigrandid ty who had made the most progress, to whom select lessons were given in report-ing. Dennis Murphy was the head of this hand writers in other fields.

In June, 1848, the whig convention which nominated Gen. Taylor for the presidency met in Philadelphia, and Mr. Dyer was en met in Philadelphia, and Mr. Dyer was engaged by the North American, a leading whig organ, to report the proceedings. He was assisted by a dozen of his high school class, divided into detachments of three. Dennis Murphy was placed in charge of Dennis Murphy was placed in charge of one of these detachments. The performances of these boys attracted the attention of Mr. Sutton, who was at the convention reporting for the National Intelligencer, the great whig organ published in this city. It so happened that the Senate chanced then to have under consideration the question of obtaining full reports of its debates, and that year toward the close of the sear and that year toward the close of the ses sion arrangements were made for steno-graphic reports to be published at the pub-lic expense in each of the leading party



"Speech of Mr. Matthews: tion, both of the states and of the federal government, prohibit that, unless compen-sation is made to the proprietor for that

STENOGRAPHIC NOTES BY MR. MURPHY AND TRANSLATION.

ergans in this city, the Union and the Na- printing office, and for many years insisted tional Intelligencer. Mr. Sutton was placed in charge of the matter for the Intelligencer, and he chose Mr. Dyer as his leading phonographer. Mr. Dyer, at Mr. Sutton's suggestion, brought with him to Washington one of the boys who had been with him at the whig convention and with him at the whig convention, and young Murphy was chosen for this honor.

Small Boy Taking Notes. Work was begin at the opening of the session in December, 1848, and much attention was excited by the spectacle of a small boy taking notes in shorthand of the stirring debates of the Senate. Such men as Calhoun, Webster, Benton, McLean, Alexander H. Stevens, Thomas Ewing and others of that class of statesmen took especial interest in the lad, who developed remarkable abilities as a rapid writer and correct rote-taker. During the recess of 1849 Mr. Dyer took Murphy with him to New York, where he was engaged in preparing a phonographic manual. At the opening of the session of December, 1849, Mr. Murphy was employed on the corps of the Union, but in a few weeks he was seized with an attack of inflammation

of the lungs and removed to his home in Philadelphia. On his recovery in April, 1850, he returned to Washington and secured a position on the Intelligencer corps under Mr. Sutton. The Intelligencer relinquished its contract in March, 1851, and it was transferred to the Daily Globe. Not long afterward the Union suspended pub-lication, so that the Globe was the only journal publishing the debates of Congress.

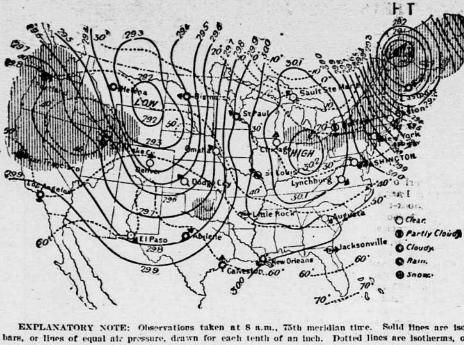
In March, 1869, Mr. Sutton retired from the charge of the work of reporting the Senate proceedings for the Globe and Mr. Murphy was placed in command. In 1873 the pub-

before it was sent to the printer. While this delayed the manuscript, it insured a degree of accuracy that made the reports of the Senate debates famous throughout

In addition to his congressional work Mr. Murphy has done at times some exceedingly important reporting, the chief of his achievements being his work as the reporter for the electoral commission of 1877. He was chosen without solicitation as the stenographer of that body, and personally took all of the notes of the long and important arguments delivered before that great tribunal. The high degree of confidence felt by most men in public life in Mr. Murphy's accuracy and care was demonstrated by the fact that nearly all of the copy taken during these proceedings

Various Shorthand Feats.

Before that achievement Mr. Murphy had become prominent through his work as one of the reporters of the Surratt trials



THE OFFICIAL WEATHER MAP.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Observations taken at 8 a.m., 75th meridian time. Solid lines are iso bars, or lines of equal air pressure, drawn for each tenth of an inch. Dotted lines are isotherms, or lines of equal temperature, drawn for each ten degrees. Shaded areas are regions where rain or snow has fallen during preceding twelve hours. The words "High" and "Low" show location of areas of high and low barometer. Small arrows fly with the wind

FAIR AND WARMER.

The Kind of Weather Predicted for Tonight and Temerrow.

Forecast till 8 p.m. Saturday.-For the District of Columbia, Delaware and Maryland, fair and warmer tonight and Saturday; northerly winds, becoming southerly. For Virginia and North Carolina, fair, with conditions favorable for frosts tonight; winds, becoming southeasterly.

Weather conditions and general forecast.— The storm in the St. Lawrence valley has increased decidedly in energy, and now covers New England and the Gulf of St. Lawrence, central near Father Point, with a barometer reading of 28,95 inches. It has caused heavy snow in the St. Lawrence valley and northern New England, with light precipitation generally in the middle Atlantic and middle states. High northwesterly gales have prevailed on the New England and north Atlantic coast during the night. An area of high pressure covers the lake regions and the Ohio valley. A second storm of considerable energy covers the Rocky mountain slope and plateau, central in Montana, with a barometer reading of 29.12 inches at Miles City. The barometer has fallen in New England and generally throughout the Rocky mountain districts. It has risen in the lake regions and the Ohio

The following heavy precipitation (in inches) was reported during the past twenty-four hours: Sydney, 1.69; Halifax, 1.64; Idaho Falls, Idaho, 1.06. It is decidedly colder in New England, the middle states and the Ohio valley, and warmer generally in the upper Mississippi and the Missouri valleys, and on the Rocky mountain slows.

The weather will be fair and cold in Nev England tonight and Saturday, and high northwesterly gales are indicated for the next twenty-four hours. It will be fair and warmer Saturday in the lower lake region the middle and south Atlantic states. Increasing cloudiness, with warmer weather and probably showers, is indicated for the lower Mississippi valley and the west gulf states tonight or Saturday.

Condition of the Water.

Temperature and condition of water at a.m.: Great Falls, temperature, 40; condition, 4; receiving reservoir, temperature, 42; condition at north connection, 8; condition at south connection, 5; distributing reservoir, temperature, 41; condition at influent gate house, 3; effluent gate house, 3. Tide Table.

Today-Low tide, 0:14 a.m. and 12:44 p.m. high tide, 6:10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tomorrow-Low tide, 1:02 a.m. and 1:35 p.m.; high tile, 7 a.m. and 7:20 p.m. The San and Moon.

Sun rises, 5:52; sun sets, 6:19. Moon sets, 5:17 a.m. tomorrow.

The City Lights.

Gas lamps all lighted by 7:27 p.m.; extinguishing begun at 4:45 a.m. The lighting is begun one hour before the time named. If clear less lighting may be ordered. Naphtha lamps all lighted by 7:27 p.m.; extinguishing begun at 5. The moon schedule does not apply to naphtha lamps.

Public are lamps lighted at 6:57 p.m. and extinguished at 5:30 a.m.

Range of the Thermometer. The readings of the thermometer at the weather bureau today were as follows: 8 a.m., 30; 2 p.m., 40; maximum, 40; minimum, 28.

THE WEATHER FORECASTS BY FLAG SIGNALS.



Explanation of the Flags.

The flags are hoisted each day upon the issue of the morning weather map and float until dark. They indicate the weather that may be expected during the following thirty-six hours, but more particularly the last twenty-four hours of that period. They are to be read from the top of the staff downward. If more than one kind of weather is predicted for the period from 8 p.m. to 8 p.m. the conditions first samed in the forecast will be represented by the uppermost flag. When a warning of a "cold wave" is included in the forecast message, the cold-wave flag will be displayed below the proper weather flag. The temperature flag, when placed above numbers 1, 2 or 3, indicates warmer weather; when

placed below numbers 1, 2 or 3, indicates colder weather; when not displayed, the indications are that the temperature will remain stationary.

in charge, he made it a practice to take all the notes himself, sending them out sheet by sheet to the office, where they were read and transcribed, mainly under the supervision of his brother Edward.

How the Work Was Done.

Later the system was adopted of having the work done by "turn," one man taking enough to make about a page of the Congressional Record, and being then relieved by another. This gave each reporter the chance to transcribe his notes without delay. Mr. Murphy, however, was exceed-

public use. So that any cable company un-"Mr. President: The bill under consideration, as I understand it, does not assume to dispose of any proprietary right belonging to individuals in any of the states. It does not assume to grant to a telegraph com-pany the right to take possession of private property for its use. We could not make that grant, because the principles of our jurisprudence as contained in the Constitu-

notes is the sign of the amanuensis that the notes have been transcribed.

not only on taking all the notes himself, but upon reading over every page of copy

Not only was Mr. Murphy's work unusually accurate, but he was capable of great speed, and was able with comparative ease to take the speeches of the most voluble and rapid talkers ever known, notably the late Senator Sargent of California, who fre-

the copy taken during these proceedings was published without revision.

In March, 1869, Mr. Sutton retired from the charge of the work of reporting the Senate proceedings for the Globe and Mr. Murphy was placed in command. In 1873 the publication was transferred to the government printing office and the Senate, as stated, made a contract with Mr. Murphy to do the work, this obligation being renewed from year to year up to the present time.

In those days the typewriter was unknown and, of course, the phonograph, now such an important part of the stenographer's outfit, was unheard of. This caused the task of transcribing the notes and predict the reporters of the Surratt trials following the assassination of President Lincoln. One of his earliest achievements outside of Congress was the reporting of the great Methodist Church property suit, argued in New York by the leading law-yers of America. The same year he and Mr. Sutton reported the proceedings of an extra session of the New York legislature, and in the spring of 1853 they were engaged to report the proceedings of the constitutional revision convention of Delaware, and a few months later they reported the impeachment trial of Canal Com-

paring copy for the prniter to be most laborious.

In the early days, when Mr. Murphy was in charge, he made it a practice to take all contents of the members of his regular corps, respectively. The provided the general conventions of the Episcopal Church, and in 1872-3 he was the efficial reporter of the Pennsylvania constitutional convention. He has frequently been called to report trials of great importance before the Supreme Court, and has served many commercial conventions in the same capacity.

During congressional vacations in his

early career Mr. Murphy studied law, and in 1857 he was admitted to the bar of Philadelphia, and subsequently to that of the Supreme Court of the United States. In 1859 Mr. Murphy was married to Miss Annie E. Chandler of Philadelphia. They had two children, both of whom survive with their mother. The son is Richard S with their mother. The son is Richard 8. Murphy, and the daughter is the wife of Captain M. C. Foote of the army. Mr. Murphy has two brothers, who are well known in this city, Dominick I. Murphy, now first deputy commissioner of pensions, and Edward V. Murphy, assistant stenographer of the Senate. An elder brother, James J. Murphy, was associated with the rapher of the Senate. An elder brother, James J. Murphy, was associated with the work of reporting the debates of the Senate in 1854 until his death, in 1874.

Mr. Murphy's Style.

Mr. Murphy's style, or system, of writing learned as phonography in 1848, according to Andrew and Boyle's class book and reader, which followed and was almost analogous with the eighth edition of Isaac Pitman's Manual. He has never adopted even the signs for h, w and y, though regretting the absence from his alphabet of convenient strokes to represent these sounds. He has, however, adopted the f and y hooks. He uses comparative few word signs and not many phraseograms, contending that what is thereby gained in speed is lost in legibility. He has adhered to the system as it was in 1848 because he considered that when was in 1848 because he considered that when a person has acquired sufficient proficiency to report with accuracy the most rapid speakers it would be dangerous for him to attempt radical changes to any great extent. Probably not many reporters concur with him in this view; but his personal ex perience seems to be a justification of his theory, in his own case at least."

The Star presents herewith a reproduction of a sample of Mr. Murphy's notes, taken during the debate of the Senate of June 6, 1878. A translation of these notes, being the report as it appeared in the Percent follows. the report as it appeared in the Record, fol-

The Appomattox Table.

From the Baltimore Sun. Brigadier Gen. John Gibbon, retired, United States army, who died recently at 239 West Biddle street, bequeathed to John Gibbon, fr., the table upon which the agreement of surrender between Gen. Lee and Gen. Grant was drawn at: Appomattox. and rapid talkers ever known, notably the late Senator Sargent of California, who frequently talked at from 200 to 225 words a minute. In later days Senators Jones of Arkansas and Hawley of Connecticut are regarded as among the most rapid talkers in Congress, but Mr. Murphy never had difficulty in accurately and fully reporting their speeches.

In addition to his congressional work Mr. Murphy has done at times some exceedingly important reporting, the chief of ceedingly important reporting the table in a storage house Gen. Gibbon was appointed by Gen. Grant

lights a bonfire with ten rods of a building shall be liable to a fine of \$20. He told a brother lawyer, who also expected to burn some leaves. They worried for several hours, until the explorers into the lore of justice looked up the word bonfire in the dictionary. Its definition is "a large fire built in the open air, as an expression of public joy or exultation, or for amusement." So all doubts as to their rights fled from the minds of the lawyers.

In Pity for Him.

From Truth. Algy-"Now-now, Miss Giddy, suppose should try-try to kiss you?" Miss Giddy-"Don't think of it, Mr. Gosling; you're so agitated that I'm sure you would scream!"

DISTRICT AFFAIRS

Complication in Securing Rapid Transit on Eckington Road.

SURFACE MOTOR ASKED FOR

Possibility That Congress Wil Have to Act.

OTHER LOCAL NOTES

The Eckington and Soldiers' Home Railway Company will not be permitted to equip its road with a surface motor without special legislation from Congress. Indeed, it is doubtful if the Commissioners have the power to authorize the company, in the absence of special legislation, to employ any system of rapid transit for the propulsion of its cars.

The act of August 6, 1800, provided: "That any street railroad in the District of Columbia authorized to run cars drawn by horses, which has changed or may change its motive power on any of its lines now constructed, to cable or electricity, or change its rails in accordance with the provisions of law, shall have the right to issue and sell, at the market price thereof, stock of said company to an amount necessary to cover the cost of making said changes, the cost of said changes and the amount of said stock sold, together with the price per share to be fully set forth, under the oath of the president of said company, and filed with the Commissioners of the District. And any company availing itself of the privileges herein granted shall, within two years, wholly dispense with horses as motive power on all portions of its line and substitute therefor the power provided for its the form the power provided for in the company. tute therefor the power provided for in the act making appropriations for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia, approved March 2, 1839, or pneumatic or other modern motive power, which shall be approved by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, but nothing in this District of Columbia, but nothing in this act contained shall in anywise authorize the use of overhead appliances. • • • • It is held that under the provisions of this section the right of the Commissioners to approve any power for the propulsion of cers is limited to two years, for it specifically provides as a condition that the road must avail itself of the privileges granted by the act within that period.

by the act within that period.

The Eckington and Soldiers' Home railread, through its representatives, has had several conferences with the Commissioners lately upon the subject of surface mo-tors. President Newbold declared some time ago that he would equip his road with surface motors, and the idea was favorably received by the Commissioners. Maj. Pow-ell has given the subject considerable attention, and is a firm believer in the efficacy of surface motors. The matter recently came up for discus

sicn, and the railroad people appeared for rermission to operate the road with a surface motor. A question arose in the minds of the Commissioners as to their power in the premises, and the case was submitted to the attorney for the District, with the request that he inform the Commissioners as to their power in the matter. It is un-derstood that he has made an unfavorable report upon the proposition, holding that the Commissioners have no right, under the act above quoted, to approve a surface

The decision was received with regret by The decision was received with regret by the Commissioners, who believed the time had arrived when the Eckington road would change its motive power. Just what course the railroad people will adopt in view of the present status of their case is not known, although it is understood they will apply to Congress for the desired rewill a ply to Congress for the desired re-lief immediately. Should this be done there is every reason to believe that Con-gress will lose no time in granting the de-sired permission to change the motive pow-er of the road.

Adverse report has been made by the Commissioners upon Senate bill 949, to incorporate the East Washington Heights Traction Railway Company. In their report upon the bill the Commissioners say:

"The Commissioners doubt the advisability for the public interests of chartering at the present time an additional street railway crossing the Eastern branch below Benning bridge. The Anacostia railroad runs into the city from the most populated suburb south of the Eastern branch, but is not able to pay expenses, and consequently furnishes unsatisfactory service; this railroad has a chartered right to extend to the Bowen road at or near one of the termini of the railroad proposed by Senate bill 949. The Capital Railway Company, already chartered, have rights of the same extensions; in fact, the latter named road would serve the same territory in the courter. sions; in fact, the latter named road would serve the same territory in the country as proposed to be served by the East Washington Heights Traction Company. The proposition contemplated for that company, of occupying the Pennsylvania avenue bridge over the Eastern branch by railroad tracks is deemed inadvisable."

tracks is deemed inadvisable." Eastern Branch Bridge.

The Commissioners have made a favorawas thus described in 1878 by Browne's ble report upon House bill 7252, to author-Phonographic Monthly, published in New ize the construction of a bridge across the York: "Mr. Murphy still adheres in the Eastern branch. The Commissioners say main to the system of shorthand which he the location named in the bill for a bridge learned as phonography in 1848, according over the Eastern branch is judged to be

The Commissioners today made the fol-

lowing appointments in the disinfecting service:

inspector, compensation at the rate of \$2.50 Pa.

St. James.—Chas. Sovill and wife, ChiSt. James.—Chas. Sovill and wife, Chi-Dr. R. D. Boss, assistant medical sanitary to take effect the 10th instant. E. A. Pitkins, engineer municipal disinfecting station, compensation at the rate of 50 cents for the first hour of each day's work and 40 cents for each additional hour when so employed; appointment to take ef-Andrew Lewis and Rudolph Murphy, laborers, with compensation at the rate of \$1.25 per diem each; appointment to take effect from and after the 11th instant.

Some Changes. The Commissioners today made the following changes in the engineer depart-

Richard Deerfling, clerk in the engineer department, transferred to the position of draftsman on highway extension plans at \$5 per diem, and H. C. Gould, draftsman on the temporary roll, transferred to the posi-tion of clerk in the engineer department the temporary roll, transferred to the posi-tion of clerk in the engineer department at \$1,200 per annum.

O. W. Connet is appointed draftsman on the temporary roll, highway extension plan,

An Appointment Excites Criticism.

An appointment was made by the Commissioners today that has provoked a large amount of discussion among the clerks in the engineer department of the District government, and brought about a degree of uncertainty regarding their tenure of office. From the clerks' point of view, the Commissioners have violated their own order of June 17, 1895, which placed the District government under rules of the civil service, since a man has been appointed to a clerkship in the engineer department of the District government without having been required to pass any examination as to his fitness. amination as to his fitness.

In February, 1896, Mr. H. C. Gould of Sloux City, Jowa, was appointed draftsman on the temporary roll, at \$4 per day, to be paid cut of the appropriation for the extension of highways. No examination was required for the position. Today he was made a clerk on the permanent roll, with a salary of \$1,200 per annum. As there was no years years was not been appropriately one was made by with a salary of \$1,200 per annum. As there was no vacancy, one was made by transferring Mr. Richard Doersing, who held a clerkship, to the position of drafts-man on the temporary roll, at a salary of \$5

tion, on the ground that he was unfamiliar with the facts in the case.

Commissioner Truesdell was also unfamiliar with the merits of the case, although he was certain that the civil service rules of the Commissioners had not been violated.

Major Powell, under whom the appointment directly comes, and who recommended the same, said, in reply to a question, that the rules as adopted by the Commissioners had not been violated; they did not soners had not been violated; they did not apply in the case of employes who were already in the service, and who could be promoted when a vacancy occurred.

The clerks feel that under this ruling all that is necessary to defeat the purpose of the order is to give a man a temporary appointment, and afterward give him a position on the permanent roll, and either sition on the permanent roll, and either transfer or discharge the incumbent of that position.

SATURDAY'S BIG STAR. It Will Be an Issue of Exceptional

Interest. The following is a partial list of the features which will be published in tomorrow's twenty-four-page Star:

ART OF THE VOODOO (Illustrated). Pauline Pry tells how he works his charms on the ignorant colored people.

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The well-known member of the French Academy, Francois Coppee, writes an entertaining bit of fiction. HATS FOR EASTER (Illustrated).

AN EASTER STORY (Illustrated).

New shapes and farcies decreed by Dame Fashion for spring. STEEPLE CHASE COURSE (Illustrated). An improved feature at Benning and other preparations for the racing sea-

THE BULL FIGHTER'S SECRET (Illustrated). An entertaining story, complete in one issue, by Mary Lovett Cameron.

SPECIMEN TOWN. Glimpses of a thriving municipality in Florida. By a staff correspondent

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What is regarded as proper in an up-todate marriage. EASTER IN PARIS. Sterling Hellig tells of the joy of the

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Shall they be admitted to seats in the

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